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SUBJ: THREE PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS

1. DURING TRIP TOGETHER TO SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS AT NOON ON SEPT 23, AMBASSADOR ASKED RAFAEL HERRERA, EDITOR OF THE PRESTIGIOUS LISTIN DIARIO, WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE REFRAIN "I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS" MIGHT APPLY IN THE CASES OF THE THREE PUERTO RICANS. HERRERA REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT SO. HE CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER WOULD NOT ACT UNTIL THE JUDICIAL PROCESS HAD ENDED, AND CONTINUED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WHEN EX-PUERTO RICAN GOVERNOR FERRE WAS THROUGH SANTO DOMINGO ABOUT A MONTH AGO, BALAGUER HAD PROMISED FERRE THAT HE WOULD BE GENEROUS WITH RESPECT TO THE PUERTO RICANS (AS DEPT AWARE, BALAGUER'S FATHER WAS PUERTO RICAN). HERRERA CONCLUDED THAT HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT BALAGUER WAS DISPOSED TO LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY TO THE VIEWS OF GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ COLON.

2. COMMENT: HERRERA HAS IN THE PAST SERVED A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND PERSONS HELD IN JAIL, IN INSTANCES WHERE HE THOUGHT AN INJUSTICE HAD BEEN COMMITTED. HE MAY PROVE USEFUL IN THESE CASES AS WELL.
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